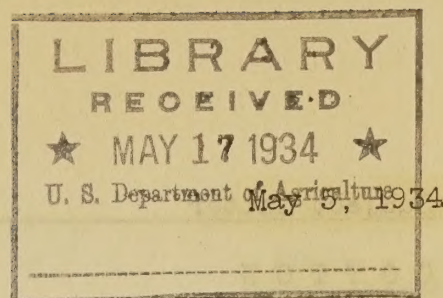


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## AAA - AGRICULTURE GENERAL

### Editorials

(1) The south a test.

WICHITA, KANS. EAGLE. I. 4/24. In the next six months it should be demonstrated just what a concentrated application of government money to a particular section of the country can do. \* \* \* If a heavy injection of government money can stimulate any section, it should stimulate the South. \* \* \* Under the new order the whole country will watch the South with increasing interest for a demonstration of the exact power of a central government in the use of public funds. (983176)

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(2) Tugwell's speech.

BIRMINGHAM AGE-HERALD. ID. 4/26. There are plenty of people who are honestly with him in the drive on "economic racketeering, financial juggling and exploitation of workers and consumers," but who are by no means certain that everything done by the administration is calculated to bring victory in such a campaign. Certainly so friendly an observer as Lippmann does not believe that the New Deal is actually being forwarded by all the devices set in motion at Washington. Nor is it safe to assume that criticism of some things offered in the name of the New Deal is necessarily hostile to the New Deal itself. (983263)

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(3) National Planning for agriculture.

SALT LAKE TRIBUNE. I. 4/25. The most stupendous undertaking of the Roosevelt administration is the farm program. From the short-term aspect of meeting an emergency, it is perhaps the most spectacularly successful sector of the New Deal campaign. \* \* \* The magnitude of the problem from a long-term viewpoint certainly looks like a gigantic program. It surely has all of the earmarks of national planning, with all that it implies. It is a challenge to the "best brains of the nation," to say the least. (11713\*)

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(4) Arthurovich Cuttensky.

ST. LOUIS STAR-TIMES. I. 4/20. By the way, Secy of Agriculture Wallace is proceeding against Arthur Cutten for concealing his short selling of wheat in the exact period when his predecessor Secy of Agri. Hyde, made his famous declaration that the Russian government was engaged in a plot to wreck wheat prices by short selling in Chicago. (981126)

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(5) Benefits of the AAA.

JACKSON, MISS. NEWS. D. 4/21. We cannot very well have too much goods if we have the money with which to buy the needed goods, and no permanent prosperity can be based on scarcity. It is necessary that the benefits of crop reduction under the AAA be coupled with a policy that does not prepare a "permanent scarcity." (980960)

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## (1) Tugwell.

READING, PA. TIMES. I. 4/26. Everyone with an ounce of sense knows that the hullabaloo raised over the head of Professor Rex Tugwell was really meant as an attack upon President Roosevelt himself. And yet the Tory opposition does not dare to level their fire upon the President directly. \* \* \* The truth is that Professor Tugwell is a liberal in political thought--which means that neither the reds or the Tories can be satisfied with him. (983262)

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## (2) Farmers profit through AAA.

FLORIDA TIMES UNION. D. 4/28. (Jacksonville.) \* \* \* It will be interesting to observe what the results will be a few years hence. Everybody knows that the Federal Government cannot continue indefinitely to do what now it is doing for certain farmers who comply with definite requirements that have their origin in Washington. At the same time it is a serious matter for study--this matter of cutting down production of farm products while at the same time millions of people are in great need of them. To some of those who are making this study it seems that the wiser course would be to give less attention to reducing production and more attention to the proper distribution of farm products especially of those used for food purposes. The question is one that calls for practical solution. (11684\*)

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## (3) The Tugwell speech.

BOSTON POST. I. 4/23. Professor Rexford G. Tugwell made a brilliant defence of his economic philosophy before the assembled newspaper editors in Washington. \* \* \* The farm problem is a difficult one. The theory of reducing crops to raise prices is doubtless sound, although not accepted by everyone. Yet it does seem that a very sizable degree of regimentation will be necessary if the plan is to succeed. (981119)

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## (4) The distributor gets his.

WHEELING, W.VA. NEWS. I. 4/24. \* \* \* Whether prices are high or low, the AAA says, the middleman always "gets his." \* \* \* "Processing taxes" which are being levied on wheat and cotton so Uncle Sam may have the hundreds of millions he has contracted to pay the farmers are being so manipulated by the manufacturers as to place the entire burden on the consumers and the farmers. (982438)

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Editorials - Pro

## (5) Recovery without ruins.

ST. PAUL PIONEER PRESS. I. 4/26. President Roosevelt's definition of the New Deal as evolution and not revolution should reassure timid souls frightened by Schoolmaster Wirt's inconsequent alarms of communism. Without controversial denials, the President presented the New Deal as a recovery program being developed by experiments not all of which may prove to be practicable. \* \* \* More than 50 years ago the oracles of communism were advocating this tactic of tearing down the existing order and "building upon the ruins." They counseled force if necessary. There is nothing in this that remotely resembles the New Deal objective of recovery without ruins. (11650\*)

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(1) Politics on the American plan. ST. LOUIS POST-DISPATCH. ID. 4/26. That stalwart foe of the New Deal, Mark Sullivan regrets that the Democrats have not rebelled against the administration. The radical proposals are more contrary to Democratic tradition and principle than to Republican he writes in the New York Herald Tribune, and Democratic opposition would be more effective. \* \* \* It is equally true that, if the administration were Republican, and as safe and sane, say, as McKinley, or as irregular as T. R., the Democrats would view it with alarm and denounce it in all the terms of derision, opprobrium and indignation. That is partisan politics on the American plan. It is stupid politics in any circumstances, and in the present critical state of affairs, dangerous politics. (11649\*)

(2) In Nebraska City. SIOUX CITY JOURNAL. IR 4/26. Secy Wallace in an address in Nebraska City, Neb., undertook to defend the policies and plans of the administration by showing "a change in the economic rules" of the country was needed. \* \* \* The JOURNAL'S contention throughout the depression has been that American leadership, political, economic and social, never should have permitted a situation of this kind to develop. The depression did not come without warning. It developed through a long period of years. But leaders who had the authority to make the changes in the economic rules did nothing about it. That was the crime perpetrated against American society. Changes must be made in the economic rules, of course. Mr. Wallace is right. The change must be made by the majority in a democracy. That is being done. The great majority supports the change because it wishes to survive, because it wants justice, because there is no alternative. (11648\*)

(3) A puerile campaign of misrepresentation. DAVENPORT, IA. TIMES. R. 4/25. Highly incensed at the misrepresentation to which he has been subjected by a special writer for the Chicago Tribune because of the proposed deletion of parts of lectures which are now being put out in book form, Secy Wallace announced that the original text will be strictly adhered to in order to answer his critics. \* \* \* Secy Wallace may fall by the wayside as the program which he has drafted for agriculture fails to gain for the farmer the fullest measure of relief and benefit anticipated. With governmental aid he has merely sought to apply the cooperative idea nationally to the end that the farmer may control his domestic market at least. If that project fails the recovery program must collapse and then shall we be confronted with perils which must be truly alarming. (983785)

(4) Tugwell--and Tugwell. BIRMINGHAM POST. I. 4/25. \* \* \* We are inclined to believe that Tugwell's intellectual brilliance is as much exaggerated publicly as his radicalism. But it would be hard to overrate the common sense he has thus far displayed. All in all he is an exceedingly effective public servant. He ranks with Secy Hull and Secy Wallace as the ablest of the Roosevelt advisors. Together they make a strong and courageous team. (982646).



## (1) Experimentation both ways.

CLEVELAND PLAIN DEALER. ID. 4/23. \* \* \* Tugwell scores when he throws the charge of "regimentation" right back at business. As he says many industrialists and financiers who are now most critical of the New Deal, were busy experimenters themselves with "the rest of us" as white rabbits. When they paid large bonuses to executives, "threw groups of corporations together into holding companies they were experimenting. Some of the experiments turned out well, some of them badly." Mr. Tugwell would not prohibit all such experimentation. Far from it, "it has given us our place in the commercial sun; it should help us to keep it." But his conclusion is sound, it seems to us, that in all fairness some experiments "from the public side" are not only permissible but should be encouraged. (11822\*)

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## (2) Aid for agriculture.

LINCOLN, NEB. STATE JOURNAL. R. 4/24. \* \* \* After years of attempts to help by passing one farm relief device after another, most of which did more damage than good, congress is still sufficiently sold on the idea that agriculture must have help, that it authorized the payment of a billion dollars in various kinds of benefits to farmers. Congress certainly has the idea all right. (983177)

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## (3) The Herty plan and conservation.

BIRMINGHAM NEWS. ID. 4/21. \* \* \* The development of newsprint manufacture in the South will not only help to solve the national problem but will also give to the South a new industry of vast importance and worth. (981122)

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## (4) Planning farther ahead.

ST. PAUL PIONEER PRESS. I. 4/28. Where direct relief was necessarily a feature of last year's fight against emergency, this year's recovery program takes larger account of self-support as a means of bringing unfortunates up out of the economic sub-cellar. Codes and PWA grants will continue to encourage city employment. \* \* \* The pending home renovation campaign is designed to provide a billion and a half dollars most of which will go directly for labor, while the cost of material used includes a heavy factor of wages paid for fabricating it. This project also represents a step away from direct federal support and control as the work will be financed by loans negotiated by home owners through private agencies which are to be protected against loss by a government guaranty. (11827\*)

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Editorials - Con

## (5) The rules of the game.

N.Y.C. HERALD TRIBUNE. R. 4/24. Through Secy Wallace's address to the Nebraska wheat farmers, as through Assistant Secy Tugwell's address to the newspaper editors, there ran a note of protest with which it is impossible not to feel a certain sympathy. It was a protest against attack by mere words, rather than on the basis of the realities behind them. \* \* \* Granting, for the sake of argument, Mr. Wallace's and Mr. Tugwell's and the President's unlovely picture of the pre-New Deal era, one must still ask of the proposed changes just how they are to effect the desired balance and just



what the consequences of setting up such a theoretical balance must be. It is precisely at these points, however, that the Administration spokes-men are always at their vaguest, their least satisfying. (980953)

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- (1) An appalling pre-view of self-containedness.

DES MOINES REGISTER. IR. 4/17. \* \* \* As a horrible example of what we may be in for if we try to curl up within ourselves economically and adjust all our production to the limited consuming power of our own people, the Bankhead bill stands out as an enormous portentous and--we hope--eloquently dissuading Exhibit A. (11824\*)

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- (2) Behind the scenes at Washington.

MILWAUKEE JOURNAL. IR. 4/26. (Paul Mallon) The AAA is saying nothing about it yet. Its master mentalities are beginning to appreciate however, that they have worked themselves into something like the mess of Mr. Hoover's farm board. (11826\*)

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- (3) The AAA reaping.

DETROIT FREE PRESS. IR. 4/23. \* \* \* The AAA is doing its best to pauperize the agriculturists and stock growers of America; and it is having more success in doing this than in anything else it has undertaken. We do not write this in derogation of the farmers of the United States. Far from it. We have reason to believe that the great majority are not at all content to be made the victims of an autocratic paternalism. But as matters stand, most of them do not see where they have much choice as free agents. They have a right to feel that the statute leaves them no other way out. They can scarcely be blamed for obeying the instinct of self-preservation. The responsibility is on the Government which is doing almost everything that can be done to destroy the independence and progressiveness of the American farmer and prevent him from achieving an eventual sound and permanent recovery. (11821\*)

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- (4) Roosevelt, though opposing it, may be forced into inflation.

NEW YORK HERALD TRIBUNE. R. 4/19. (Mark Sullivan) (Wash.) \* \* \* The whole picture can be stated thus. It is one of those vicious endless chains; Mr. Roosevelt's measures for permanent "social and economic readjustment" have the effect of constricting business and also of frightening business. Because business is constricted and frightened, prices do not rise naturally or sufficiently. Because prices do not rise sufficiently, Mr. Roosevelt must turn to inflation. Inflation, completing the chain, will further frighten business. One final inquiry goes to the heart of the new deal. Is it best that control over prices and responsibility for them should be assumed by or granted to any individual holding a political office and therefore subject to political considerations, such as the present eve of Congressional elections? Would it be better to leave prices to the law of supply and demand, which the new deal specifically undertakes to do away with? (11823\*)



- (1) What does Tugwell boy mean?

LANSING, MICH. STATE JOURNAL. I. 4/25. "It was a fair-sounding--a rather engaging speech; but what did he mean?" The foregoing appears to be the pretty general reaction to the Tugwell speech. That speech is important for the reason that it is said to be one of a series intended as a counter-blast against the Wirt charges. Secy Wallace apparently delivered another one of the counter-blast series in Nebraska City, Neb. The Wallace speech is worthy of some analysis, but for the present, what did Tugwell mean? \* \* \* The fact that Mr. Tugwell declared himself an out and out conservative is puzzling many. He says he wants to save the best in American life. That sounds fine, but again, what does he mean? What is he going to save and how is he going to save it and what does he want to pitch out the door or heave out the window? \* \* \* Glittering political generalities do not lure as they once did. If he has discovered Utopia, it is up to him to give its precise latitude and longitude, and tell us what it looks like. (11612\*)

- (2) Licensing farmers.

LOS ANGELES TIMES. IR. 4/28. The granting to Secretary Wallace of arbitrary power to license food producers and handlers, which was voted in an executive session of the Senate Committee on Agriculture with only ten members present, is about as objectionable a proceeding as has yet been taken by either branch of Congress. \* \* \* A scheme to change the American farmer from the freest and most independent being on earth to a serf taking orders from a clerk in Washington is far reaching in its nature and implications, and an effort to keep the public from knowing about it does not add to its attractiveness. (11809\*)

- (3) The gap must be closed.

SIOUX FALLS ARGUS-LEADER. R. 4/20. The farmer's buying power is at an index figure of 74 while the industrial buying power is at an index figure of 120. (981117)

#### News Columns.

- (4) Time to check up business heads say.

BOSTON DAILY GLOBE. I. 4/23. Improvements in industry justifies end of emergency measures, some feel. (11820\*)

- (5) Farm lobby meets to back Lemke bill.

ST. PAUL PIONEER PRESS. I. 4/26. (Wash.) An effort to rally Congress behind the Frazier-Lemke farm mortgage bill was launched at a meeting here by a farm lobby recruited from Ohio, Indiana and Illinois and soon to be joined by a delegation of Minnesota farmers. (11651\*)

#### News Columns - Pro

- (6) Diversified crops new to midsouth.

NEW YORK TIMES. ID. 4/29. (Thomas Fautleroy) Self-support the aim. Plan seeks to restore to the farmer independence he once enjoyed. (138767)



- (1) Iowa farm demand in heavy gain.  
LOS ANGELES TIMES. IR. 4/29. Hundreds of tenants unable to find land for rent. (11787\*)
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C O T T O NEditorials

- (2) World accords are vital.  
BUFFALO, N. Y. NEWS. IR. 4/18. \* \* \* No doubt control of cotton crops is needed. But why not seek a world accord, such as pertains in relation to wheat-growing countries? Plans go forward for the appointment of four czars to sit in London and control the world's wheat production. Certainly no one nation could control wheat. The same is true for cotton. (980869).
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- (3) Try the cotton experiment first.  
KANSAS CITY TIMES. I. 4/25. \* \* \* The great majority of producers of wheat, corn and hogs will agree with Secy Wallace that this southern experiment should be given a thorough trial before a demand for its application to their products is fostered. (11584\*)
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- (4) Trial balloon ready.  
CEDAR RAPIDS, IA. GAZETTE. I. 4/23. \* \* \* One of the insidious dangers of this experiment in arbitrary control of cotton production is that the results may be assumed, by analogy, to be similar to what might be expected from application of the same plan to other farm crops. Extreme care should be exercised in drawing any such analogies. Cotton is the greatest major American export crop. The cotton market is influenced by foreign factors which apply in much smaller degree, if at all, to corn, wheat, hogs, cattle, milk, and other farm commodities. A plan that would work for cotton might not work at all on other crops, and it will be well not to lose sight of that possibility. (982286)
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Editorials - Pro

- (5) Protect the Honest farmers, Mr. Secretary!  
COLUMBIA, S.C. STATE. D. 4/20. The Secretary of Agriculture has not advocated the Bankhead law. But now that it is a law we trust he will exhaust every means at his command to make it effective and especially to protect the honest farmers. (980887)
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- (6) Not the revolutionary type.  
COLUMBIA, S.C. RECORD. ID. 4/24. There is of course no reason for anyone to be alarmed at Senator Bailey's prediction that the enactment of the Bankhead bill--it is now law, signed by the President--would result in "revolution" and "secession" in the South. For, the odds are, Senator Bailey is wrong. \* \* \* Before the experiment is concluded the farmers may of course find reasons to complain of it. \* \* \* But there will be no revolution because of it. \* \* \* The farmers will merely ask for another cotton relief experiment and the congressmen, obliging as ever, will undertake to provide it. (983497)
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Editorials - Con.

(1) Cotton Control Bill. DALLAS DISPATCH. D. 4/22 \* \* \* If the measure is not invalidated by the courts, we predict it will be the source of so much grief during its first year that the administration will be glad to get rid of it. (982280)

(2) Compulsory cotton control. BLOOMINGTON, ILL. DAILY PANTAGRAPH. IR. 4/23. \* \* \* The cotton control experiment is the most drastic that the department of agriculture is undertaking, and it may hold a lot of dynamite, literally and figuratively. It will at least add immeasurably to the labors of Secy Wallace. (11641\*)

(3) The Bankhead Law. GREENVILLE, S. C. NEWS. ID. 4/24. \* \* \* The Bankhead bill, now a law, must be enforced with thoroughgoing effectiveness this year--to the end that there will be no sound excuse for any such program of forced curtailment hereafter. (982284)

(4) Another experiment. PHILADELPHIA EVENING BULLETIN. IR. 4/23. In many respects the Bankhead bill, is the most extreme, in its departure from accepted American practice in such matters, of all the Recovery measures. It is proposed to subject growers who do not assent to the curb to a tax levy from which others are exempt. It is a procedure naturally capable of application to any branch of production, industrial as well as agricultural, if it works with cotton. Government regulation of industry would have a mighty weapon, but there is good ground for doubting whether in its application to cotton it will be much more successful than many other measures for agricultural relief which have broken down in practice. (11819\*)

News Column - Pro.

(5) Cotton consumption highest since 1929. CHICAGO JOURNAL OF COMMERCE. 5/2. (New York) March increase over February reported slightly more than seasonal. World cotton spinners used more bales of all kinds of cotton during March than in any March since 1929. (11812\*)

News Column - Con

(6) Ginners plan court fight. OKLAHOMA CITY OKLAHOMAN. D. 4/21. War on AAA pact may go to U. S. tribunal. Possibility that the state ginners may refuse to be regulated by the AAA marketing agreement and carry their fight to the United States Supreme Court appeared as the ginners again roundly condemned the recovery measure. \* \* \* Legal status of the marketing agreement is somewhat indefinite, particularly in Oklahoma, the only state where the gins are public utilities and regulated by the corporation commission. Members of the



state association have taken the stand that the federal government cannot supersede the corporation commission, because ginning has been held in federal court to be an interstate function. It would be on this point that the court fight would center. (134676)

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D A I R Y

ON DAIRY PROGRAM SUSPENSION

Editorials

- (1) AAA drops milk control.

UTICA, N.Y. DAILY PRESS. 4/25. \* \* \* It would seem that New York's dairying problem is not beyond the possibility of solution. \* \* \* Whether some such solution arrives by state or by Federal action does not greatly matter. Until there is a method of control adopted there can be no price fixing plan contrived with any assurance of successful operation. (983170)

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- (2) Temporary failure of dairy relief.

MINNEAPOLIS JOURNAL. IR. 4/25. \* \* \* The next step seems plain. The Department should call in the practical men of the industry and cooperate with them in devising a workable plan. (983171)

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- (3) Dairying on its own.

TOPEKA DAILY CAPITAL. R. 4/25. Decision "for the present" not to include the dairy industry in the domestic allotment program of the AAA will be gratifying to many dairy farmers and seems desirable as offering a comparison of planned and unplanned agriculture. \* \* \* From comments of Administrator Hopkins, the AAA believes the omission from the plan of dairying is a mistake, and dairy farmers will sooner or later be found applying for AAA benefits. If so, regimenting of agriculture will get a forward boost. (11580\*)

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- (4) Milk control out.

WICHITA, KAN. EAGLE. I. 4/25. Much may be learned from the farmer rejection of national milk control, the first break in the new plan which would apply the power of government to economic processes. The dairymen don't want control. The government will not resort to compulsion. Faced with the necessity of regimentation the government declines to cross the Rubicon. That tells the whole story. \* \* \* If compulsory cotton control fails, the government will be out of economic regimentation and will stay out. (983588)

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Editorials - Pro

- (1) No regimentation of dairy farmers.

GALVESTON NEWS. ID. 4/25. The administration was wise not to try to force the program down the dairy interests' throats. \* \* \* The incident shows that the administration is not bent upon forced regimentation of agriculture, thereby refuting a charge frequently hurled at the new deal. (983168)

- (2) Voluntary control.

WASHINGTON NEWS. I. 4/26. The dairy farmers have lost; not the Government, as represented in this instance by Secy Wallace. It is not impossible to foresee the time when the milk farmers will be going to Triple A begging for some sort of help. (982443).

- (3) Justice for the milk farmer.

KNICKERBOCKER PRESS. IR. 4/27. (Albany, N. Y.) \* \* \* In the scheme of national recovery the milk farmer was supposed to have a share. Now, according to reliable authority, his cost increase amounts to more than one cent a quart. Some of this must be made up to him if he is to continue in business. The exigencies of the case, as the milk farmer views it, prompts this question: Is the train of recovery, which he has to this point energized, to be halted just before it arrives at his station? (983585)

- (4) Regimentation not easy.

EVANSVILLE COURIER. D. 4/25. (Indiana.) Abandonment of the national milk control program by the AAA means that the country is not as near a regimented agriculture, and perhaps a regimented industry, as many people have been saying. \* \* \* The government's position in the matter is democratic not dictatorial. The only way regimentation can be carried out in this country is by consent of the people. (983169)

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- (5) This is good.

MIAMI HERALD. ID. 4/24. AAA abandoned temporarily plan for milk control. Because the farmers opposed it. Not because babies and consumers would have been adversely affected. Anyway, it is a move away from government influence. Which helps. (983172)

- (6) The first defeat.

NEW HAVEN REGISTER. I. 4/25. To the large number of milk producers in this State and elsewhere in New England who have opposed the plan as sectionally unfair and unadaptable to conditions here, the announcement that the federal milk control plan is dead ought to be warmly received. (983165)



(1) The AAA drops its milk scheme.

HARTFORD COURANT. R. 4/25. It is distinctly creditable to the milk producers of the United States that their opposition to the dairy control plan has been so pronounced that the AAA had dropped it. \* \* \* All the schemes thus far tried to set at naught economic laws have only resulted in a series of contradictory policies that have added to the general confusion and to the burden of taxation. (982444)

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(2) Uncontrollable milk.

HARTFORD TIMES. D. 4/25. Whether there is possible a wide and workable plan for regulating milk production so as to avoid over-supply and low prices to the producer, it is agreed by Chester C. Davis, AAA Administrator, that the processing tax proposal is not such a plan. It has been killed by the opposition of the farmers. \* \* \* Even though the prospect does not appear cheerful as for a solution of the milk problem, producers are at least wise in rejecting a plan which was likely to defeat its own purpose. (983167)

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(3) The AAA milk plan dropped.

SYRACUSE POST-STANDARD. R. 4/25. Dairy farmers of the east will heave a sigh of relief at the decision of the AAA to drop the proposed milk control plan. It would have hurt, not helped them. \* \* \* The rejection of the plan by farmers is significant in that it shows their recognition of the fact that regimentation of the kind proposed does not meet the need, that something more fundamental is essential. (983164)

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(4) No tax on milk

PROVIDENCE, R.I. JOURNAL. I. 4/25. \* \* \* One wonders if the superior organization of the milk producers of the nation as compared with wheat farmers and cotton planters has been responsible not for a course of blind and perverse opposition to the Department's proposed control system, but rather for a more penetrating and judicial examination by the dairymen of the whole program before making binding commitments. \* \* \* It is refreshing to learn that the traditionally most individualistic group of people in the nation is again showing signs of exercising its prerogative to test proffered Government control programs in the light of its own experience and of the accomplishments to date of other farm commodity control plans, before binding itself further to economic experimentation. (982441)

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(5) New milk control plans.

N.Y. JOURNAL OF COMMERCE. 4/26. Abandonment of the AAA program for the relief of dairy farmers through curtailment of output, which was to be financed by a processing tax on manufactured milk products, is a welcome development. (982442)

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(6) Dairy plan abandoned.

ST. PAUL PIONEER PRESS. I. 4/25. Abandonment by the AAA of its dairy production control program is attributed to opposition within the industry. Had there been no other reason, that would have been sufficient to justify the action of the AAA. \* \* \* The next step would appear logically to take up the Brandt plan for a surplus pool financed out of an equalization fee.

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## (1) Surplus and shortage.

ST. PAUL PIONEER PRESS. I. 4/21. \* \* \* If every child has the amount of milk he should have there would be a milk shortage. (982448)

## (2) Back-down in milk program.

SIOUX CITY DAILY LIVESTOCK RECORD. 4/24. \* \* \* The process tax has made pork the most unpopular of all American meats. Perhaps the dairy farmers have seen this and they don't want butter further depopularized in favor of substitutes made largely from imported oils. It looks like another demonstration of the fallacy of having men who don't know how, undertake to run the dairy business. (11816\*)

Dairy - Editorials - Con

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## (3) Milk, a public utility.

SOUTHERN DAIRY PRODUCTS JOURNAL. 4/19. (Atlanta) \* \* \* To our way of thinking, to declare milk a utility would be to heave it out of the present frying pan into a hotter political fire. (11817\*)

## (4) The Commissars of the AAA.

CHICAGO TRIBUNE. IR. 4/27. The New York state milk commission has ordered an increase in the price of milk to consumers. \* \* \* The objective of AAA, it can be confidently said, is to destroy small business men. The commissars in the Dept. of Agri. expect to make the consumers pay for the support of an army of bureaucrats, which may or may not be called a soviet. Therefore the commissars must raise the cost of living higher than it need be. (983175)

## (5) Poor man's penny: Milk trust's millions.

N. Y. EVENING POST. IR. 4/23. A penny more for a quart of milk. To the average family that means a couple of cents a day: \$7.30 a year. Why make so much fuss about a penny? Because this penny is the straw that breaks the camel's back of public endurance. \* \* \* Because this penny, multiplied by the 3,500,000 quarts of milk consumed daily in Greater New York, taxes milk consumers, \$35,000 a day, almost \$13,000,000 a year. (980945)

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## (6) New milk fight seen as AAA quits.

PHILADELPHIA INQUIRER. I. 4/28. Termination of the federal milk-marketing agreement for the Philadelphia milk shed on May 1, announced April 27, is expected to be the signal for a fight-to-the finish between the two rival co-operative dairymen's associations. (11825\*)

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## (7) Milk consumers rage at price rise, slash purchases.



N. Y. EVENING POST. IR. 4/23. Sales cut in half at grocery stores in tenement zone. (134661)

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C O R N   H O G

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(1) Pork bootlegging.

CHICAGO DAILY DROVERS JOURNAL. 4/24. You don't have to go far in the trade to hear complaint that bootlegging of pork into the Chicago area has become so large as to cut deeply into business. \* \* \* But is the AAA going to ignore reports of pork boot-legging? If so it will be accepted as tacit admission that the tax is unenforceable. (11818\*)

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(2) Corn deluge faces U. S. in low prices.

CHICAGO JOURNAL OF COMMERCE. 4/26. (William H. Bromage) The farmers need 20 percent rise to meet loans Aug. 1. The federal government faces the prospect of coming into ownership of some 250,000,000 bushels of corn on Aug. 1 unless there is an increase of more than 20 percent in the price of the commodity before that date. (11591\*)

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Editorial - Con

(3) Sugar control bill.

LANSING MICH. STATE JOURNAL. I. 4/21. \* \* \* The sugar control law introduces a new theory into American government. Perhaps it would be more accurate to say that it will put another rivet into the attempt to fasten upon America a new theory of government. The new theory of government is that government, and not the individual, has become master of the individual's economic destiny. \* \* \* To have government, especially government at Washington, come that close to the ordering of daily life is certainly a revolution, whether Doctor Wirt dined with revolutionists or not. The sugar control bill is off the same piece as to theory as the Bankhead bill for the control of cotton. (980910)

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News Column

(4) Cattlemen say foes tried to pack meeting.

DENVER POST. I. 4/29. (Chicago AP) Producers succeeded in asserting rights, leaders state. A charge that "others than real cattlemen" attempted to pack the meeting of cattlemen at Chicago was made by a committee of five of the American Nat'l Livestock association, representing western breeders. (11742\*)

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Editorials

(1) On the agrarian front.

NEW YORK HERALD TRIBUNE. R. 4/25. \* \* \* Basically, the AAA has been trying to give agriculture industry's power of cutting production to maintain price levels. If this effort fails, agriculture is unlikely, barring a rapid world revival, to accept the result in calm. The issue is probably not between domestic allotment and the status quo; it is between cutting production and a determined agrarian drive to cut relative costs through currency or tariff manipulations. (11986\*)

(2) New deal is dealt.

SAN FRANCISCO CHRONICLE. R. 4/29. (William Hard) (Wash.) \* \* \* Having gone through the innovating and originating stage of the New Deal, we are now in the winnowing stage. We are engaged in separating the grain from the chaff and blowing away the chaff. The Congress is doing a lot of it. But the main thing on this point is that the New Dealers are doing plenty of it among themselves. (11989\*)

(3) New deal about to quit 'idea phase' and enter state of execution.

WASHINGTON HERALD. I. 5/2. (Merryle Stanley Rukeyser) \* \* \* Much of what the Government has done thus far has helped to restore private business men from their "shell shocked" condition. Now that recuperation is under way, the time has come to consolidate gains, rather than start a new disease by getting business men jittery through converting the Government into a back seat driver who shows too much initiative. (11981\*)

(4) The retreat from Moscow.

NEW YORK HERALD TRIBUNE. R. 5/3. \* \* \* The Roosevelt administration has done much that is good. It has offset these gains with so much that is contradictory and ill-conceived or downright destructive that while it is impossible to strike an exact balance the losses must be recognized as tragically great. \* \* \* So it is perhaps natural to find such titles as "The Trek to Moscow" upon Pacific Coast editorials. In view of all that has been said recently by way of reassurance in and around the White House, "The Retreat from Moscow" seems a fairer description of what is happening. But the criticism should and will continue. Only by insistent free speech can any democracy be made to work. The alternative is dictatorship that can end only in a fascist or communist state. (11980\*)

(5) Expecting too much.

SPRINGFIELD, ILL. STATE JOURNAL. IR. 5/5. The Farmers' Holiday Assn meeting in Des Moines, adopts resolutions demanding the resignation of Secy of Agri. Henry A. Wallace. The demand is not impressive. It comes from a group long opposed to Wallace, which is committed to sabotage, strikes, and the like. Its complaint is that Wallace has not gone far enough in radicalism. The Des Moines meeting appears to have been dominated by Gov. William Langer of North Dakota, who is under indictment for alleged mishandling of PWA funds, and others with political axes to grind. The gathering was characterized by extravagant denunciation of the administration at Washington, with Wallace as the chief object of attack. The bombardment was of a character likely to react in favor of Wallace. (11959\*)



## (1) Farmers need export outlet.

N. Y. JOURNAL OF COMMERCE. 5/2. America holds huge agricultural surpluses which can find no outlet except through export, F.M. Low, pres. of the American Bankers Assn and head of the First Nat'l Bank of Houston declared. "One of the most important questions pressing for an answer is whether this country will stand for nationalism or internationalism." (140869)

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## (2) Where money goes.

SEATTLE TIMES. I. 4/23. A survey of disbursements thus far made by the AAA indicates fourteen states that have received the greatest benefits. Nine of these are in Dixie, and obtained \$114,500,000. Five were in northern wheat-growing territory and received \$32,978,000. It is an odd coincidence that the chief beneficiaries of the government's largesse are all solidly Democratic commonwealths. (985335)

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## (3) Marketing farm produce.

FALL RIVER, MASS. HERALD NEWS. I. 4/21. \* \* \* A practical system of cooperative marketing on a large scale might easily save the farmers of this state and vicinity the loss they are so frequently forced to bear because they cannot sell at any reasonable price the excess products of their farms. (981715)

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## (4) The farm co-operatives.

PAWTUCKET, R.I. TIMES. R. 4/28. \* \* \* Sometimes the activities of the western farmer in politics is disturbing to us in the East, but we can agree with the Industrial News Review that the work of the co-operatives constitutes definite achievement in the past year. (986399)

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## (5) The NRA and the AAA

TOPEKA DAILY CAPITAL. R. 5/1. Whatever the final outcome of the NRA and the AAA may be it is certain that both are sailing in troubled waters just now, and apparently the waters are growing rougher. The NRA is being criticized both by the consumers and by the small business concerns. \* \* \* The operation of the AAA is hardly more satisfactory speaking generally, although it has been of temporary benefit at least to a good many farmers in Kansas. Now the rumor comes from Washington that the price of wheat is to be allowed to take its course, which means if the coming harvest turns out well the price may sink to the lowest point reached in the past two years. (12086\*)

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## (6) Small farm producers.

ASHEVILLE, N.C. CITIZEN. D. 4/29. \* \* \* We are now perhaps on the eve of a rural renaissance. Nothing would do more to strengthen the nation in general. (985433)

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## (1) Foundations of recovery.

CINCINNATI ENQUIRER. D. 4/27. Inquiring independently a surprising number of business men are finding that the improvement of their respective businesses is due to the rise of farmers' purchasing power. (984277)

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## (2) City credit best farm relief.

SYRACUSE POST-STANDARD. R. 5/1. It is daily becoming more evident that farm purchasing power is one of the main reasons for increased industrial activity. Factories are busier providing goods for farm families than they have been for years. They are hiring more men because of farm demand. (985598)

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## (3) The farmer pays his debts.

LOUISVILLE COURIER JOURNAL. I. 4/30. \* \* \* Government money received in connection with the crop reduction plan is forming the basis of a solid prosperity for honest business and the rehabilitation of local government. \* \* \* Altogether, the AAA has helped the class that needed help the most. (984920)

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## (4) Better prices for land.

OMAHA BEE NEWS. I. 5/7. Improvement noted by banking department. (12040\*)

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## (5) Land values soar with crop prices.

LANDSING, MICH. STATE JOURNAL. I. 5/7. Rural real estate business shows quite decided pickup over last year. (Chicago AP) (12062\*)

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## (6) 'We certainly are on the way to recovery'.

TOPEKA DAILY CAPITAL. R. 5/2. New York Life Insurance Co. head.. Reports 27 percent 1934 business gain. 'No one can deny NRA, AAA and PWA did much.' (11859\*)

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## (7) Lifting farm debt burden.

HOUSTON, TEX. POST. D. 4/30. The extent to which the government has lifted debt burdens from the shoulders of farmers is illustrated graphically by a report of the Houston Federal Land Bank on Texas loans during the period from June 1, 1933, through March 31 of this year. \* \* \* The government's long-term loan program has given the farmer an opportunity to refinance at low rates of interest. \* \* \* The money flowed also into rural banks, thawing frozen assets for them and placing them in a position to resume their normal lending functions. All along the line, the credit pumped by the government into rural sections has flowed back into channels of business, a life-giving stream that is an important part of National recovery. (986365)

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## (8) The farmer's price parity.

SHREVEPORT, LA. TIMES. D. 4/28. Under the AAA farm program the broad objective is restoration of the pre-war "parity" of 1909-1914 between the



prices of farm products and the prices of goods the farmer buys. \* \* \* The Republican tariff system shifted wealth from one group to another and piled up stacks of it for a few favored individuals. The monetary and credit system, draining the nation's money into a few financial centers, was, in effect, a similar tax. What the AAA does is simply apply the same principle, in reverse direction, giving agriculture the benefit, for a change. It is fair, it is honest and it serves a worthy patriotic purpose. (984918)

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(1) Farm sector hottest one.

BLOOMINGTON, ILL. PANTAGRAPH. IR. 5/7. Despite the booming of the bankers and the low plaintive moans of industry, the farm problem is the hottest single sector of the New Deal front. \* \* \* Hence the best brains in the Roosevelt administration have been mobilized on the farm front. \* \* \* It is the storm center of the New Deal. It is uncovering and destroying more organized rackets in its field than even the banking investigation, and is confronting bigger and better organized political revolts against fundamental remedies. \* \* \* The purpose of the New Deal is sufficiently modest when it aspires to restore the farmer to the status which he enjoyed before the World War. The men who are administering the New Deal to the farmer, fortunately, see much farther than this minor objective, and are seeking to remodel the entire basis of American agriculture. (12010\*)

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(2) Go to the farmer, thou skeptic.

CANTON, O. REPOSITORY. IR. 5/1. \* \* \* The Roosevelt administration, Dr. Tugwell boasted, differs from its Republican predecessors in the fact that it acts instead of talks on agricultural adjustment. \* \* \* Obviously Dr. Tugwell's proposition is best commented on by agriculture's spokesmen, the heads of the farm organizations and the editors of the newspapers in the great farming regions of the country. He has presumed to stop the mouths of all other critics with an unequivocal claim that farmers are satisfied with what is being done for them. In the absence of rebuttal, it will have to be assumed that he is right. \* \* \* If the farm population stands staunch and true with Dr. Tugwell, the long political struggle to capture its vote will be virtually over, it would seem. (986406)

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(3) Washington 'tis of thee.

WICHITA BEACON. I. 4/29. (Lee Kriselman) Something has been happening to the prestige of the New Deal in the last few weeks. Criticisms have been piling up on it. Members of Congress with their better eyes looking toward the sunrise of another election day, have been steering legislation. (11982\*)

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(4) Oppose discretionary AAA powers.

N. Y. JOURNAL OF COMMERCE. 5/4. Strong opposition to amendments of the AAA granting the Secy of Agri. extensive discretionary license and control powers over all food processors and distributors is expected. \* \* \* There is a feeling that the AAA has already initiated more plans that it is able to apply effectively. Instead of encroaching further upon freedom of action in trade and industry it should concentrate upon the control of major crop surpluses, for which it was originally created. (11984\*)

- (1) The difficulty is "to stop."

BALTIMORE SUN. ID. 3/25. (Frank R. Kent) \* \* \* The original program of the AAA has not worked in any direction. \* \* \* A series of great regulatory experiments, not one of which was thoroughly thought through, were launched with bewildering rapidity. The great weight of the Government was put behind them. Now, when they have begun to skid nothing much can be done except put on speed and pretend everything is lovely in the hope that something will be. The great trouble is the whole business is based on hope and optimism, not reality and experience. (136237)

- (2) AAA not as funny as Wirt.

LANSING MICH. JOURNAL. 4/28. I. \* \* \* The Wirt charges may have been funny; but the high-handed procedure of the AAA is not funny. Let Secy Wallace and Prof. Tugwell laugh off the Chicago "hearing" if they can. (985341)

- (3) A growing curiosity.

CHICAGO DAILY TRIBUNE. IR. 4/25. \* \* \* The Wirt inquiry has, in reality, served as a test of the willingness of congress to expose the brain trust to public view. The fact that congressmen who ordinarily will go to any length to keep in the public eye have dodged this inquiry will not quiet the curiosity of the public to know what the government is and what its directives are. In fact, the curiosity is growing and it will continue to grow until it is appeased. (11988\*)

- (4) Prof. Tugwell's promotion.

ST. LOUIS GLOBE-DEMOCRAT. I. 4/27. \* \* \* Although Prof. Tugwell vehemently declares that the American people cannot be fitted into a regimented scheme, almost the entire program is an effort so to fit them. It is not what the government says, through him or any other that causes misgivings and apprehension; it is what the government is doing day by day to extend and to strengthen its powers of control and regulation over the people. (985084)

- (5) Very skeptical.

HOLYOKE, MASS. TRANSCRIPT. R. 4/28. The sudden garulity of Prof. Rexford Guy Tugwell as a convert to Democracy does not seem to be getting him very far. \* \* \* Fortunately the American people have gone along with the whole scheme of experimentation with great good humor and patience. They will judge Dr. Tugwell's proposals, however, on their merit and not according to what Dr. Wirt calls him, or what he calls himself. (985081)

- (6) Need for a glossary.

N. Y. SUN. I. 5/2. \* \* \* Perhaps it wouldn't be a bad idea for Prof. Tugwell, or one of the other professors, to knock off regular work long enough to compile a glossary of New Deal terms. It is sadly needed. (985439)



## (1) Prosperity for farmers.

INDIANAPOLIS STAR. IR. 5/1. \* \* \* The acreage reduction does not seem any more likely to result in better prices than have the other costly experiments tried in recent months. We cannot hope to consume all the wheat raised on even the reduced acreage, and consequently we are bound to have a surplus unless we can sell it abroad. (985338)

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## (2) The wrong approach.

WHEELING, W. VA. INTELLIGENCER. R. 5/1 of all the New Deal experiments, none has become so thoroughly discredited as production control. \* \* \* Until the absurd theory that we are overproduced is abandoned, there can be no real progress. (985602)

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## (3) One crippled cog.

TERRE HAUTE, IND. TRIBUNE. D. 4/30. The inability of wheat and cotton prices to sustain themselves would indicate that the processing tax system is not doing what was expected of it. (985348)

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## (4) The consumer pays.

SPRINGFIELD, MASS. UNION. R. 4/24. \* \* \* But there is no easy escape from the fact that when the Federal Government borrows money to give away or gets money by taxes to give away, the consuming public has to pay the costs. (982093)

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News Columns.

## (5) Solution of farm problem is called key to recovery.

LINCOLN STAR. I. 4/3. (Wash. AP) Bernard M. Baruch, financier and adviser to presidents, said in one of his rare interviews that solution of the farm problem is the key to economic recovery. (11943\*)

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## (6) Growers grasp reduction pacts.

RALEIGH NEWS & OBSERVER. ID. 4/7. One of the hardest tasks of getting the AAA program under way was that of making farmers understand why they should produce less to make more money. (12020\*)

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## (7) Farm program support vital asserts Hearst.

DAVENPORT, IA. Democrat. D. 4/30. (Maquoketa) Charles Hearst, pres. of the Iowa Farm Bureau Federation, declared at a meeting of farmers in the city hall, that it is absolutely essential farmers support the government farm program until it has had a chance to be worked out. (141319)

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## (8) Great Britain on verge of cotton war with Japan.

RALEIGH NEWS & OBSERVER. ID. 5/4. (Frederick Kuh. London UP) Threat of an Anglo-Japanese trade war burst into the open today when the British government handed Japan a virtual ultimatum designed to check disastrous inroads upon her world commerce. (11899\*)

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News Columns - Pro.

- (1) Farm land prices showing increase.

WASHINGTON STAR. I. 5/7. (Chicago AP) The Associated Press asked land dealers and bankers in American farming States for opinions and figures on the price and present market for land. What they reported is expressed in the following: If the squire didn't get it, the old homestead may be safer now, for real estate dealers who handle corn land, wheat land, ranches and orchards find the market stirring. (12018\*)

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- (2) Raises morale, mode of living.

RALEIGH NEWS & OBSERVER. ID. 4/7. (George L. Klutz) \* \* \* The increased purchasing power of the farmer as a result of rising commodity prices and the benefit payments for crop reduction is bolstering morale and raising the standard of living. Moreover, the better methods of agriculture advocated in connection with the AAA crop control programs are rounding out farm activities so as to put the farmers on a substantial live-at-home basis. \* \* \* The AAA has stimulated balanced farming. (12021\*)

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News Columns - Con

- (3) Holiday body raps Wallace.

MINNEAPOLIS JOURNAL. IR. 5/3. Farmers at Iowa meeting draft new demands of administration. (11920\*)

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- (4) Wallace termed farmers' enemy.

WASHINGTON STAR. I. 5/3. Milo Reno charges betrayal of agriculturist by Administration. (141742)

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- (5) Roosevelt has broken pledge says Reno.

DES MOINES REGISTER. IR. 4/30. \* \* \* "We predict the agricultural adjustment act will end in absolute and ignominious failure unless there is a right about face in the administration of it," said Milo Reno, Nat'l Pres. of the Farmers' Holiday Assn., in his weekly radio broadcast. (141317)

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- (6) Farm Holiday group pledged to oppose crop reduction.

CHICAGO DAILY NEWS. 5/4. I. (Des Moines, AP) The National Farmers' Holiday Assn. was pledged to oppose the AAA's crop reduction. A resolution, adopted at the Assn's convention, termed the AAA "a failure and a fraud, as insult to every self-respecting farmer and a crime against society and civilization." (11917\*)

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- (7) Chamber leaders assail farm plans.

N.Y.C. TIMES. ID. 5/4. \* \* \* Speakers before agricultural group meetings at the annual convention of the Chamber of Commerce of the United States objected, almost to a man, to some features of what the administration is trying to do for the farmer as well as to restrictive legislation adopted by earlier administrations. (141308)

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## (1) Beck in address hits 'lip service'.

WASHINGTON STAR. I. 5/2. (Chicago.) Rep. James M. Beck, R., of Pennsylvania, speaking before the Illinois Manufacturers' Cost Assn called the present the "most serious crisis since 1860." "If the present policy of a unitary socialistic state shall prevail, even the Union, which is older than the Constitution, may not long survive. In Washington there is only lip service to the Constitution." (11983\*)

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## (2) Legality of NRA, AAA challenged.

NEW ORLEANS TIMES-PICAYUNE. ID. 5/3. (Wash. US) American industrial leaders today demanded less government interference in business. \* \* \* These New Deal bulwarks will be challenged: (1) On the ground they transcend the power of Congress in the degree of regulation they impose on industry and agriculture. (2) That they violate the Fifth Amendment of the constitution--forbidding the taking of property without due process of law. (3) That Congress has improperly delegated some of its powers to the executive. (11976\*)

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## (3) Lean farm years seen.

MINNEAPOLIS JOURNAL. IR. 5/2. The Minnesota state department of agriculture set itself squarely in opposition to the national administration plans for farm relief by urging farmers "to prepare for lean years." (11847\*)

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## (4) Farm trouble threatened.

LINCOLN STAR. I. 5/6. (Wash. UP) Threats of new farm uprisings resounded in Congress when a senate agriculture subcommittee considered the Frazier bill to have the government establish factories for processing of farm products in which there is a surplus. (11998\*)

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## (5) Farm Exports second lowest in 20 years.

WASHINGTON STAR. I. 5/6. (Frank I. Weller.) The principal American agricultural exports have just checked off their second poorest March business in the last 20 years. (11966\*)

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## (6) N.Y. to lose \$75,000,000 as a result of process tax.

SYRACUSE, N. Y. HERALD. I. 4/29. (William P. Helm. Wash.) Residents of New York State, taken as a whole, face the virtual certainty of contributing from \$75,000,000, to \$80,000,000 in processing taxes to Southern and Western farmers, under the Wallace-Tugwell agricultural experiment. (140638)

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## (7) Congress grows restive over New Deal on farm.

CHICAGO DAILY NEWS. I. 4/28. (H.B. Gauss) (12034\*)

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## (8) Co-operative head asks free market.

N. Y. JOURNAL OF COMMERCE. 5/2. Co-operative leaders who have proved over a long period of years that they are guided by what they are convinced will benefit the greatest number of farmers, recorded themselves fearlessly in opposition to the commodity exchange bill before the Agriculture Committee of the House.

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D A I R Y

Editorials - Con

(1) Another milk scheme fails.

PHILA. RECORD. I. 4/25. \* \* \* The AAA could have increased the consumption of milk and raised farmers' prices by forcing the distributors to reduce their profit spread. Now that two of the AAA's Rube Goldberg devices for aiding the dairy farmer have failed, it must realize that the battle with the distributors cannot be dodged. (981695)

(2) Milk plan failure.

INDIANAPOLIS NEWS. IR. 4/30. \* \* \* Since 20 percent of the farm revenue comes from dairy products, the failure of the milk production limitation plan is significant. (985344)

(3) Does he get it back?

MACON, GA. TELEGRAPH & NEWS. D. \* \* \* It was a great victory for consumers and for common sense that the milk control program has been abandoned, but we are keen to know whether Leo Nebbia is to be reimbursed for his five dollars and the costs in the case. (984909)

(4) Problem of milk.

BUFFALO, N. Y. COURIER-EXPRESS. I. 4/28. \* \* \* Secy Wallace will not get anywhere in his campaign for consumption unless he finds a way to make consumption possible to persons who have to count their pennies so closely that the addition of a cent or two to the price of a quart means going without. \* \* \* Other means than those heretofore evolved will have to be used to reduce the spread from the farm to the house, and to make a more equitable division of that spread. \* \* \* Our own state authorities seem not to be able to meet that situation. Perhaps Mr. Wallace's experts can find a way. (984910)

News Columns

(5) Cut-rate milk store bombed after threat.

CHICAGO DAILY NEWS. 5/4. I. (142782)

(6) Cost of milk to be probed.

SIOUX CITY JOURNAL. IR. 5/7. Federal Trade Commission will make an investigation. (12048\*)

(7) New milk sources charted by Mayor.

NEW YORK TIMES. ID. 5/3. Mayor LaGuardia stated that he was prepared to prevent any shortage of milk in the city by obtaining milk from Wisconsin, Pennsylvania and possibly Canada. (11979\*)

(8) Milk price rally may precipitate consumer strike.

N. Y. EVENING POST. IR. 5/5. \* \* \* More than a dozen consumer and



other organizations are sponsoring a mass meeting in protest against the State's attempt to increase the price of milk and to demand a reduction. The meeting is designed to result in setting up effective machinery for a consumers' strike in the event one is found to be necessary. (142780)

(1) Milk trust faces strike by public to break hold.

N.Y. EVENING POST. IR. 5/5. (Kenneth Crawford. Wash.) A combination producers' and consumers' strike to break the hold of the milk trust on the vast New York City market was threatened. \* \* \* The mayor said he has been frustrated in his efforts to obtain Federal financing for a farmer-consumer milk distribution system. \* \* \* "Unless the Federal Government acts promptly you will have a consumers' milk strike in New York City against the milk trust, supplemented by the most effective producers' strike the farmers of New York State have ever engaged in. (142779\*)

#### News Column - pro

(2) Seek federal milk system.

FORT WAYNE, IND. JOURNAL GAZETTE. D. 4/25. Producers vote to ask U.S. licensed marketing plan. Milk producers belonging to the Wayne Co-operative Milk Producers' Assn voted to ask the federal government to perfect a licensed marketing plan. (136239)

#### C O T T O N

#### Editorials - Con

(3) King Cotton has been demoted.

LOWELL, MASS. COURIER CITIZEN. NP. 4/28. King Cotton has been definitely demoted to be the bureaucrats' hired man. The Bankhead cotton control bill, to be specific, has ended the right of the cotton planter to grow what he likes on his own acres. \* \* \* This abandonment of rugged individualism in the cotton field is intended to boost prices. It ends the dumping of American cotton on the world's markets. An actual effect, in the opinion of many observers of the international scene, will be to stimulate cotton growing in other countries. (984734)

(4) The Bankhead bill.

SOUTHERN AGRICULTURIST. (Nashville) 5/34. The Bankhead Bill marks a revolutionary step in American legislation, the use of force in production control. \* \* \* SOUTHERN AGRICULTURIST, realizes the necessity of a reduction in this year's cotton production, but is apprehensive of the use of force in agricultural control (12088\*)

#### News Columns

(5) Brazil's Cotton output doubled.

BIRMINGHAM NEWS. ID. 5/6. (San Paulo, Brazil, AP) Brazil has doubled its cotton production and expects its biggest export year in a long time, but has not yet reached the stage where it threatens serious competition with the United States and other leading exporters. (11936\*)

News Columns - Con

- (1) Bankhead bill hit at cotton meetings.

N. Y. JOURNAL OF COMMERCE. 4/28. "Makeshift" says head of shippers, as Johnston defends it. (12032\*)

- (2) Bankhead bill will wreck recovery in South.

DALLAS DISPATCH. D. 4/22. Karl G. Hunt, pres. of the Dallas Cotton Exchange, declared, an hour after Pres. Roosevelt has signed the Bankhead cotton bill, that the law is unenforceable. He called the law "the most serious blow" that has been struck by this administration, and declared "I don't see how any good can come of it. The bill is a mistake and we were very much surprised when we learned the president had signed it." \* \* \* Hunt voiced the opinion of the informed when he declared the law would wreck recovery in the South. (135946)

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L I V E S T O C K

Editorial - Pro

- (3) Cattle prices highest since Oct. 1932.

CHICAGO DAILY TRIBUNE. IR. 5/1. (12035\*)

Editorial - Con

- (4) It will make them hot.

BUTTE, MONT, STANDARD. D. 4/28. It will not lie very comfortable in the minds of western stockmen to have their glorious, pioneer traditions referred to as "ragged individualism." \* \* \* To talk of their "ragged individualism" was a faux pas on the part of the spokesmen intent upon herding them into the AAA. It was, too, an injustice to the men of the range. The individualism of these men helped mightily to build this western empire. They settled in their own forceful, ready way, problems which the government was unable to tackle. (984281)

- (5) The cattle tax.

LINCOLN, NEB. STATE JOURNAL. R. 4/28. The storm of protest that the proposed processing tax in cattle has aroused among cattlement, is not aimed at the intentions of the scheme. The cattlement and their organizations will grant that the intentions of the AAA are the best. But the plan has not worked out in the handling of hogs, and the cattlemen do not want a similar experience. (985347)

News Column - Con

- (6) Processing tax is under fire.

DES MOINES REGISTER. IR. 4/29. (J. S. Russell) The processing tax in connection with farm relief is under fire, and Iowa threatens to be the battle ground for the controversy. Livestock Exchange leads the fight. (12033\*)



C O R N - H O G

Editorials - Con

(1) Another price-fixing fiasco.  
INDIANAPOLIS STAR-IR. 4/27. \* \* \* The administration is about to encounter the same problem that has cost the people of Brazil millions in a coffee valorization fiasco, and which proved disastrous to the Farm Board in the Hoover administration. The sealing of corn in cribs has created a surplus that is destined to be a serious drawback. (984915)

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(2) The hogs have them licked.  
PORTLAND, ME. PRESS HERALD. ID. 4/28. \* \* \* The hogs appear to have the AAA "licked" and the time approaches when it will make public acknowledgment of this fact. What is of special interest to Maine farmers is the fact that while they have been obliged to pay a "processing tax" on hogs, very few of them have been handed back any of the processing fund. It has nearly all gone to the West and South. (985349)

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News Column

(3) U.S. pork sales to Germany and England reduced.  
ST. LOUIS POST-DISPATCH. ID. 4/24. New import restrictions. Germany promoting home production, while England aids dominions--Adjustment to domestic market chief hope. (11987\*)

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M I S C E L L A N E O U S

Editorials - pro

(4) The first canned foods exchange.  
N. Y. JOURNAL OF COMMERCE. 5/2. Despite opposition, tacit and expressed, the Canned Foods Exchange is scheduled to commence operation in Philadelphia May 7. \* \* \* Opposition to the establishment of the exchange has been based upon the contention that an exchange dealing in canned foods would be ineffective as a hedging agency, both because of the wide range in quality and the fact that sales prices depend in a large measure upon trade-marks. \* \* \* Since the Philadelphia exchange is to adopt Government grades in its trading, the general movement toward Government inspection and certification of grades will be stimulated, with resultant benefits to consumers. (985771)

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(5) A new California industry.  
SAN JOSE MERCURY-HERALD. R. 4/28. The state is getting a dividend on its investment in the University of California. \* \* \* Last year its station near El Centro planted 300 acres in flax to find out whether it could be grown profitably. The results were highly satisfactory. The average yield was 25 bushels per acre as against an average of 5.3 bushels for the whole country. (986398)

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News Columns

(1) Fertilizer purchases cut about 25 percent.  
N. Y. WALL ST. JOURNAL. 4/25. Fertilizer purchases in the South are about in line with estimated cut of 25 percent in cotton acreage. (136261)

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(2) U. S. may give up part grain trade.  
NEW ORLEANS TIMES-PICAYUNE. ID. 5/6. (London AP) Indications that the United States may be forced to surrender a part of her wheat export quota to Argentina for the current year so as to save the international wheat agreement was apparent with the approach of another conference of world experts. Canada may be persuaded also to make substantial concessions to Argentina in the hope that those three countries and Australia may present an undivided front in the battle for price stability in the wheat market. (11993\*)

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Editorials

(1) Waning farm relief.

TROY, N.Y. TIMES. R. 5/4. No part of the Government recovery effort has been so aggressively pressed as that in aid of agriculture. (987665)

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(2) Quite a dry spell.

CINCINNATI TIMES STAR. R. 5/3. Through the middle part of the country, nature give some signs of a purpose to trump the act of AAA and visit confusion upon the government's crop limitation program, by overdoing it. (987654)

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(3) Tugwell to bankers.

TRIBUNE (Sioux City, Ia.) I. 5/2. \* \* \* The No. 1 brain truster and our No. 1 farmers should get together. And so, for the good of the order and all concerned, THE TRIBUNE, wishes to extend him an invitation to "come out and see us some time. We'll see that he gets plenty of fried chicken and has, what the elder Roosevelt was wont to call, a 'bully' time." (987060)

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(4) Mere child's play.

OKLAHOMA CITY OKLAHOMAN. D. 5/5. There may be excellent reasons for criticising the official activities of Dr. Tugwell, but the assertion that he is out of place in office because the people have never elected him to office is puerile. (987824)

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(5) The magic key.

YONKERS, N.Y. RECORD. ID. 5/8. In commenting on problems faced by agriculture, particularly those concerning international exchange of farm products, C. O. Moser, vice-president of the American Cotton Cooperative Assn said that cooperation is the magic key to success. \* \* \* The best proof of that lies in the experience of the immediate past. (989823)

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(6) Shoved out.

WICHITA, KANS. EAGLE. I. 5/9. That conference which Secy Wallace has called at Washington in the matter of the tenants and share-croppers in the cotton belt of the South is another illustration of what government regimentation can do to the little fellow. \* \* \* It is going to be some task to enforce "the spirit of a contract" against an economic motive. That is another of Secy Wallace's jobs. (990296)

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(7) Kansas farmers leaving for Russia.

LOWELL, MASS. COURIER-CITIZEN. NP 5/4. Certain Kansas farmers from the Wichita district are reported leaving for Russia on the ground that this country's agricultural future is behind it, while undeveloped Russia is still a land of opportunity. (987658)

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(1) Slowing down at Washington.

KANSAS CITY STAR. I. 5/7. Evidence has developed in the last few days of at least a temporary tendency to the right in Washington; a tendency to slow down on further experimentation for the present and allow the country to adjust itself to conditions. \* \* \* From every point of view this is wise strategy. The competent commander recognizes the fact that after a severe attack it is necessary to stop and "consolidate gains" before there can be a further advance. (12405\*)

(2) Supreme Court must review AAA.

MINNEAPOLIS JOURNAL. IR. 5/10. Eventually, the United States Supreme Court will have to pass on the constitutionality of the AAA. \* \* \* All along the line, the constitutionality of what the Administration is doing is questioned. \* \* \* Regardless of what the lower court may hold, appeal to the Supreme Court is considered certain, as the legality of all the processing taxes, some of which have now been operating for a year, is involved. (12215\*)

(3) Planning or bargaining?

BALTIMORE SUN. ID. 5/7. As part of the present effort to solve the world's economic problems, several international agreements to control the production of sugar, rubber, wheat and other commodities have been entered into or are being negotiated by the governments concerned. In theory these agreements represent an attempt at economic planning on an international basis. They ought to be scientific both in spirit and in fact. Above all, they ought to be free from political influences and selfish or narrowly nationalistic demands. (987052)

(4) Not so hot when the other fellow boosts prices.

LITTLE ROCK, ARK. GAZETTE. ID. 5/2. (London) Rubber re-entered the international economic picture as American business interests expressed alarm over a production limitation scheme of nations which control the world's supply of the commodity. (986857)

(5) Expansion, not contraction.

PLAINFIELD, N. J. COURIER-NEWS. 5/5 Canada has furnished excellent object lessons in enterprise since the depression began. The drift of thought there, apparently, is toward expansion of markets rather than contraction of production. In her great wheat belts, which in the past have depended upon foreign markets, her farmers are turning to other forms of production—to cattle, hogs, poultry and eggs. She is not willing to admit that because wheat is fading from the picture there is nothing left.

#### Editorials - Pro

(6) Nervous trigger finger.

SIOUX CITY JOURNAL. IR. 5/10. Webster City Freeman-Journal: When Mr. Reno predicts "ignominious failure" of the AAA he is entirely too quick on the trigger. (12236\*)



- (1) Milo Reno's new outburst.  
DETROIT NEWS. I. 5/5. If there is a sense of justice and decency among Iowa farmers, as unquestionably there is, it may be expected soon to prove itself by a general protest against the ranting of Milo Reno. (987653)
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- (2) Farmers and the new deal.  
NEW ORLEANS TIMES-PICAYUNE. ID. 5/7. \* \* \* When malcontents and professional agitators scream that agriculture has been "ruthlessly and criminally betrayed under the administration," intelligent farmers know by their own experience the falsity of that charge. Mr. Reno's "farm strike" of last year was beaten by the farmers themselves, who resented its violence and coercion. (92406\*)
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- (3) Demand for farms.  
DECATUR, ILL. HERALD. IR. 5/8. \* \* \* It is a fact that the enormous volume of government credit made available to farmers in the last year has definitely ended the wave of foreclosures and has given a substantial basis of hope for the future. (989704)
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- (4) AAA checks spur merchandise sales.  
N. Y. WORLD. I. 5/7. (Wash.) AAA checks to farmers in midwestern areas seen spur to sale of autos, paint, clothing. (144304)
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- (5) Security for tenant farmer.  
ATLANTA CONSTITUTION. D. 5/9. \* \* \* No other class of our population has been more favored in the federal recovery program than the farmer, and if there are cases, even if they are isolated, where landlords are attempting to take not only their share of federal benefits, but that of their tenants as well, they should be dealt with firmly and conclusively. (989705)
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- (6) Starvation talk.  
N. Y. SUN. I. 5/7. Starvation talk came early in the depression.  
\* \* \* It does not require the testimony of Secy Wallace and Under-Secy Tugwell and Dr. Tolley of the AAA to convince sensible men that nobody will be forced to go without meat and bread, even if the harvests are comparatively slim this season. However, it is well that their reassuring statements have been issued, for men who lack sense and are subject to unjustified, unreasonable fears are not unknown in the country. (987652)
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- (7) Note on a politician.  
CHARLOTTE, N. C. NEWS. D. 5/6. The persistent independence of Secy of Agri. Henry Agard Wallace continues to astound us. Here is an officer of the administration who does not hesitate to speak his mind and to speak it intelligibly, regardless of fear or favor or partisan furore. (989828)
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## (1) Wallace not the culprit!

TOLEDO, O. TIMES. I. 5/7. \* \* \* Because he sees the problem whole, Secy Wallace is not blindly committed to any one course. \* \* \* It is unfair, therefore, to lay the blame on Secy Wallace when the shoe pinches. \* \* \* The Secretary is perhaps the most level-headed man in the President's cabinet. He realizes the implications, and has taken the pains to explain to the American public what their choice involves. (990301)

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## (2) Mr. Wallace's trend.

NASHVILLE BANNER. ID. 5/8. Secy of Agri. Henry A. Wallace has given evidence during his incumbency of office of a trend toward conservatism. He has maintained the progressivism that has long been a part of his nature, but it has not developed that radical attitude which many had prophesied. The Secy has made proof of a strong personality. (990300)

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## (3) In the grip of regimentation.

N.Y.C. HERALD TRIBUNE. R. 5/10. It is hard not to sympathize with Secy Wallace's personal predicament in appearing before the Senate Agriculture Committee to ask for more "teeth" in the AAA. Mr. Wallace is a man of sense and integrity--firm in his belief that the hard-won freedom of initiative for which generations of American pioneers fought is worth preserving. He has not hesitated to express his distrust of regimentation of agriculture and his dislike of such compulsory measures as the Bankhead bill. In a time when his close associates are holding up to ridicule the old American conception of "rugged individualism" he has proved himself enough of an individualist--and sufficiently rugged--to fight for the rights of the individual. \* \* \* In Mr. Wallace's case it is the country's good fortune that he is more courageous and outspoken than were the prohibitionists. When he sees that the measures are unenforceable he will not hesitate to demand that they be scrapped. (989410)

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## (4) Tugwell's challenge.

NASHVILLE TENNESSEAN. I. 5/3. \* \* \* "If you do not believe me, go talk with the farmers." \* \* \* Those who are being controlled, and even regimented, if the cotton set-up under the Bankhead law is to be viewed in that light, are raising no cry of oppression. They are curbing their liberties with the definite idea of enlarging their bank accounts and getting out from under the load incurred during those dismal years of crop failure and depression. Under the circumstances, the emergency methods are viewed as plain common sense. (987062)

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## (5) Tugwell to the N.Y. bankers.

NORFOLK, VA. PILOT. ID. 5/2. Assistant Secy Tugwell scored a neat debater's point in his address to the New York State bankers when he dug out the annual reports and speeches of every Secy of Agri. since the World War to show how each insisted on the need for action in dealing with agricultural surpluses. \* \* \* The value of the Tugwell statement is not in its fencing but in its clarity, the logic of its reasoning, the reasonableness of its tone, and the refusal to admit that farmers' ills are incapable of remedy if the country is willing to substitute action for talk. (987059)

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- (1) Tugwell calls the turn.

SAN FRANCISCO NEWS. I. 5/1. Among those who are quite competent to answer attacks on the New Deal by men whose privileges are being threatened is Rexford Guy Tugwell himself, principal target of the attack. \* \* \* The objection is not that the nation is entering on a dictatorship; it is that ways are being found to end one and to make the government responsive again to the people's will." Dictators who are in the process of being deposed don't like the process or the men who guide it. That is the secret of most of the hysterical attacks now in progress. (987823)

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#### Editorials - Con

- (2) AAA's first year.

N.Y.C. TIMES. ID. 5/13. \* \* \* Judged in the light of the enormous effort and the large budget of the AAA this result is wholly disproportionate. (990276)

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- (3) Fixing farm prices.

INDIANAPOLIS STAR. IR. 5/4. \* \* \* Communist philosophy says that the only way to relieve the farmer is to abolish him. He has been abolished in Russia, and if Communists have their way in the Agricultural Department he will be abolished in this country. If the farmers of this country can be regimented to the place where there is no profit in their business it will not take long to put them all out of the running. (12408\*)

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- (4) The boggy of over-production.

ST. LOUIS POST-DISPATCH. ID. 5/9. \* \* \* Destruction and restriction of life's necessities while millions lack them goes against all natural law. If our administrators and economists accept social justice as their watchword, the tremendous problem can be solved. In a rich, young land like America, where potential plenty exists for all, acceptance of our grotesque economy as unchangeable would be to betray the people. (990295)

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- (5) Chicagoans join protests against AAA amendment.

CHICAGO DAILY NEWS. I. 5/9. (H.B. Gauss. Wash.) Fighting against what they regard as an absolute government dictatorship over their operations, representatives of Chicago business interests joined with spokesmen for national organizations of processors and distributors of agricultural products in opposing enactment of amendments to the federal AAA. (147236)

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- (6) Regimentation in disguise.

WASHINGTON POST. I. 5/8. \* \* \* Congress is again confronted with the question of whether it should call a halt to the steady advance of bureaucratic regimentation for agriculture. What began as an experiment is steadily assuming the nature of old-fashioned feudalism. The fact that these proposed changes were brought forth under disguise and were first submitted to the Senate after hasty approval in executive session accentuates the suspicion with which they ought to be regarded. (12407\*)

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## (1) Editor strikes at Tugwellism.

SPRINGFIELD, MO. LEADER & PRESS. I. 3/9. The press of America is, "to a very general extent against the New Deal because of its Tugwellian thought and theme," the editor of THE NEWS, LEADER and PRESS, told members of the Commercial club. \* \* \* "The democracy that we have cherished is jeopardized intensely by this new program of reform." (148796)

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## (2) Compulsion plan proves heartless.

LANSING, MICH. STATE JOURNAL. I. 5/14. Michigan is a long way from the cotton fields, but experiments in the cotton fields are worthy of observation, notwithstanding. If Washington can get away with a heartless experiment in Mississippi, it can get away with one here. \* \* \* Not only the south but the whole nation should beware when experimental theorists at Washington hold the life and death destiny of people in their hands. (12394\*)

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## (3) Opposition for Tugwell.

DETROIT FREE PRESS. IR. 5/3. \* \* \* Today in the opinion of a very considerable number of people, Dr. Tugwell is one of the principal exponents of a political philosophy directly hostile to the Constitution of the United States and dangerous to the continuance of democratic institutions. (12199\*)

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## (4) A weak defense.

LINCOLN, NEB. STATE JOURNAL. R. 5/3. Secy Wallace's defense of the policy of regimentation which he is advocating for the farmer does not do credit to his fame as a polemic. Mr. Wallace says that when a majority finally imposes its will upon a minority the minority is thus regimented. Hence regimentation is pure democracy. \* \* \* Regimentation has but one meaning; that is, to form men into bodies subject to orders from above. It involves the complete surrender not only of initiative but of the right to criticize. Democracy is the rule of the majority, but includes a freedom of individual action that is entirely lacking in regimentation. One is rule from above; the other from below. (987673)

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## (5) The resort to compulsion.

SPRINGFIELD, MASS. UNION. B. 5/2. Hope and optimism are good things in their place but, as the operations of the AAA have only too plainly been revealed, they can never take the place of reality and experience. \* \* \* Instead of openly admitting its failure, the Administration is turning from the principle of voluntary cooperation to that of compulsion. \* \* \* In Washington it is expected that the compulsory principle in one form or another will be extended to all major crops. It seems to be the only alternative to complete abandonment of the AAA, the growing distrust of which was evidenced in the revolt against the dairy control plan, which the Administration was forced to abandon. (987645)

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## (6) Professor Tugwell complains.

LANSING STATE JOURNAL. I. 5/2. \* \* \* A high, fine ideal, a good intent without the practicality and experience necessary to bring it to good account is not enough. \* \* \* What Prof. Tugwell suggests he has never seen



tried himself. \* \* \* If Prof. Tugwell had had more experience with politics and more experience with people, just as they are, he would not be so dogmatic in trying to make out that they are utterly sordid in opposing his plans. Prof. Tugwell is doubtless honest enough and well-meaning enough, but he has allowed himself to think too highly of his own brain children without submitting them to the candid consideration of others. \* \* \* It has been stated in recent days by a Washington observer of experience that the new deal has gone definitely on the defensive. \* \* \* Growing opposition to Tugwellian ideas is just as honest as the professor, and much better authenticated as to facts. (11848\*)

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#### News Columns.

(1) Iowa farming survey pushed.

SIOUX CITY JOURNAL. IR. 5/7. (Ames, Ia. AP) The first step has been taken in a project which, when completed, will have determined the farming systems best adapted to each township in Iowa and which later may serve as the basis for a long time plan to guide agricultural production in the corn belt. \* \* \* (12035\*)

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(2) European survey by NEWS.

DALLAS MORNING NEWS. ID. 5/7. The DALLAS NEWS announces that its agricultural editor, Victor H. Schoffelmayer, will leave for a tour of Europe, to find answers to the Southwest's farm and export problems. (12063\*)

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(3) Canada's 'AAA' bill is near to passage.

N.Y.C. TIMES. ID. 5/6. (John MacCormac. Spec. to N. Y. Times. Ottawa) Possibility of an 'NRA' is also seen. (143647)

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#### News Columns - Con

(4) AAA amendments opposed by meat packers.

NEW YORK JOURNAL OF COMMERCE. 5/12. (Wash.) 'Packers' Institute head sees possible "ruin" for meat industry. Stating that the proposed amendments to the AAA would combine the powers of administrator, judge, jury and "executioner in the person of the one man who happened to be Secy of Agri. the president of the Institute of American Meat Packers, voiced vigorous opposition to the amendments at the Senate committee hearings. (12235\*)

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(5) Trovatten hits again at AAA.

MINNEAPOLIS JOURNAL. IR. 5/10. Declares acreage reduction is "fiasco conducted by babbling advisers." The breach between the Minnesota department of agriculture and the federal department in Washington widened when R. A. Trovatten, State commissioner, launched another bitter attack upon AAA plans and management. (12224\*)

## C O T T O N

### Editorials

(1) A temptation.

WICHITA, KAN. EAGLE. I. 5/2. \* \* \* Now what about the farmer who produces less cotton than his allotment? It seems he can sell the unused portion of his tax exemption certificate to a neighbor who has produced too much. Will a lot of lazy cotton planters sell their certificates and pay no attention to crop production? (986866)

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(2) Reducing cotton production.

N. Y. JOURNAL OF COMMERCE. 5/10. \* \* \* While cotton planted early was heavily fertilized, growers have now stopped buying fertilizer in appreciable quantities. (12130\*)

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### Editorials - Con

(3) A cotton and rubber problem.

SAVANNAH, GA. NEWS. D. 5/5. A new problem for the brain trust and the AAA to worry over is the situation in Brazil, where Japanese settlers are preparing systematically to produce both cotton and rubber in large quantities. How can the cotton growers of the southern states retain their export market in Japan, when Japan can get cheaper cotton from Japanese producers in South America? (986845)

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(4) The other fellow profits.

TOLEDO, O. BLADE. IR. 5/2. Already the Bankhead bill to restrict the production of cotton in this country and the agreement among the tropical colonies of Great Britain, France and Holland to limit the output of rubber are bringing a new prosperity--to Japan and Brazil. Japan has been one of our best customers for cotton. Brazil buys most of her automobiles and tires from manufacturers in the United States. Now Japanese immigrants swarm into Brazil by ship loads. The Japanese settlers prepare systematically to produce cotton in Sao Paulo and rubber in the Amazon Valley. \* \* \* "As soon as an individual has decided to stay in Brazil the Japanese authorities submit him to a veritable Brazilian education, teaching him the language, the customs and the knowledge of agricultural methods needed in the new country." The foregoing sets up a new problem for the brain trust to worry over. (986868)

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### News Column - Con

(5) Cotton speaker hits farm organizations.

ATLANTA CONSTITUTION. D. 4/28. (Memphis AP) \* \* \* "We need not approve everything that Pres. Roosevelt has done in order to accord him unstinted praise for his leadership in the early days of his administration," declared J. W. Garrow, Pres. of the American Cotton Shippers Assn. "There is nothing in our history that quite equals the recovery of public morale coincident with his inauguration." \* \* \* He scored "federally-sponsored and federally-financed competition in cotton marketing." He attacked the Bankhead cotton control act, declaring that "through it a stern overlords-hip has replaced an indulgent paternalism." (11696\*)

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## DAIRY

### Editorials

- (1) Now up to the industry.

CREAMERY JOURNAL. 5/34. (Waterloo, Iowa) It was fortunate that before AAA officials embarked on any general dairy production control program they had the foresight to hold a series of called meetings over the country to determine the temper of dairy people as a whole on the subject. (12298\*)

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- (2) This milk problem.

PORTLAND OREGONIAN. R. 5/5. \* \* \* Growing consumer demand, wider recognition of the nutritive value of milk, low prices of feed grains, and an effective tariff protection in the absence of exportable surplus enabled the dairy industry to escape the infliction that descended on the wheat, corn and cotton producers immediately following the war. (989061)

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- (3) League joins fight against milk rate cut.

SYRACUSE, N. Y. POST-STANDARD. R. 5/10. The Dairymen's League Co-operative Assn. Inc., has joined Borden Farm Products company in fighting the state milk control division's order permitting dealers in unadvertised milk to sell cheaper than dealers in advertised milk on the metropolitan market. (147327)

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### Editorial - Con.

- (4) Milk control failure.

S. BEND, IND. TRIBUNE. IR. 5/2. \* \* \* Ironically enough, the potential demand for milk was increasing even while Washington was trying to reduce production. The difficulty, of course, is to convert a potential demand into a real demand backed by money to buy all the milk that is needed and desired. (986844)

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### News Columns

- (5) Milk profits of dealers in N. Y. revealed.

ALBANY, N. Y. NEWS. IR. 5/3. New York City dealers must sell nearly 20 times as much milk as their upstate competitors to pocket a cent profit according to a report on upstate dealers' costs and profits made by Dr. Leland Spencer of Cornell University. (143649)

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- (6) Dairy farmers plan to retail milk in Chicago.  
CHICAGO DAILY NEWS. I. 5/3. (12201\*)
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- (7) Colorado dairymen wait impatiently for U. S. action.

ROCKY MOUNTAIN NEWS. I. 5/4. (Maurice Leckenby, Denver) While dairymen in other parts of the nation continue to quarrel over details, the Colorado dairy industry is forced to stand by with the hope that immediate federal action will be taken to bring it aid. \* \* \* "But there has been

delay after delay, and now the AAA says that dissension has led to indefinite postponement. So far as Colorado dairymen are concerned, the slight dissension should be disregarded. Dairymen are in need of aid and if the federal administration really desires to aid the agricultural industry here is a splendid chance." (145706)

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- (1) The price of milk.

NEW YORK TIMES. ID. 5/5. For some time metropolitan papers have featured news protests over the State Milk control Board's edict of a one-cent-a-quart advance in the price of milk. \* \* \* It is the endless chain of those in between who raise the price of milk so that starving children and hungry adults must too often go without. \* \* \* Are consumers willing to go along with us, or do they prefer to have the Federal people take us over, kill off the cows and see to it that the hard-pressed up-State farmer gets a living wage? (12200\*)

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News Columns - Pro

- (2) Pinchot praises milk board as farmer's friend.

HARRISBURG, PA. TELEGRAPH. R. 5/2. Says milk producers' income will be increased \$6,000,000 annually. (143650)

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News Columns - Con

- (3) Milk dealers due to block AAA control.

CHICAGO TRIBUNE. IR. 5/9. Wallace defendant in U.S. court action. A petition for an injunction to prevent federal interference with their business, and to declare the Agri. Adjustment Act unconstitutional as applied to the licensing of milk dealers, was filed yesterday in the federal court by four independent milk handlers. (146665)

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- (4) Test action taken against AAA.

BALTIMORE SUN. ID. 5/8. First action to test the application and constitutionality of the AAA as it affects the Maryland dairy industry was taken when Judge Eugene O'Dunne enjoined Federal auditors from examining the books of the Royal Farms Dairy, Inc., of Baltimore. (144294)

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S U G A R

Editorial - Pro

- (5) Victory.

ROCKY MT. NEWS. I. 5/1. (Denver) Settlement of the sugar beet controversy, together with the establishment of the domestic sugar industry on a definite, stabilized basis, is the best business news for this territory since the upturn which followed the change in national administrations. (987296)



Editorials - Con

## (1) Buttered beet sugar barons.

N. Y. EVENING POST. IR. 5/11. \* \* \* Even with this double Government protection by tariff and by tax, the beet sugar industry is so fundamentally unsound it cannot pay to its workmen proper wages. It exists by child labor! In some beet States the sugar trust even succeeds in closing the schools during the seasons when it needs child workers in the fields. (990062)

## (2) Imprison the critics.

N.Y.C. HERALD TRIBUNE. R. 5/7. The relentlessness with which some of the New Dealers pursue their efforts to undermine the hard-won rights of the individual American to Freedom of Opinion, expression and action has, apparently, been unchecked by the slowly mounting tide of resentment against the Administration's high-handed methods. Latest--and in some ways most shocking--of the efforts to abridge personal freedom is to be found in an amendment to the sugar section of the AAA. \* \* \* Specifically, the amendment states that any one who in connection with the purchase, sale, processing or settlement of a contract affecting any of the basic commodities or their by-products, knowingly exaggerates the part played by the processing tax in affecting the price or the cost of processing is guilty of a misdemeanor and subject to punishment. \* \* \* If the beet-sugar provision is strictly interpreted we shall have a form of censorship applicable even to private conversations questioning the sanctity and effectiveness of the processing tax. This is a New Deal with a vengeance--using the stacked cards of despotism. (986857)

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W H E A TEditorials

## (3) Wheat imponderables.

CHRI. SCI. MONITOR. 5/12. Those who arrogate to themselves the job of "controlling" agriculture are now face to face with a cosmic rebuke in the shape of a severe drought in the American wheat belt. \* \* \* If the drought keeps up, the government agency needed in the farm belt will be the FERA not the AAA. (990307)

## (4) Low yield cycle.

WICHITA, KAN. EAGLE. I. 5/8. \* \* \* The world may lose its embarrassing wheat surplus, not through acreage adjustment of which there is little anywhere except in the United States, but through adverse growing conditions. So far as the United States is concerned, we are decidedly in a low yield cycle. (990308)

T O B A C C OEditorial

## (5) A tobacco limitation plan.

FARGO, N.D. FORUM. IR. 4/28. \* \* \* The proposed legislation presents a problem to tobacco growers that is worthy of closest possible study and analysis. (986862)





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(1) We could stop this farm loss.

MILWAUKEE JOURNAL. I. 5/15. \* \* \* A different marketing system is the great need--one in which the farmer through his co-operatives keeps control of his product until it is finally marketed. (994238).

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(2) Dividend-paying farm methods.

MANCHESTER, N.H. UNION. IR. 5/18. It is well that New England farm marketing problems have been analyzed and that full reports on progress, also on deficiencies, have been made. Agriculture today is conducted on a strict business as well as scientific basis; or rather, is by that group which has been able, depression or not, to remain active. (994220)

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(3) The primal law.

HOUSTON, TEX. POST. D. 5/13. \* \* \* Elbert Hubbard says that in the long run, supply and demand strike a balance, the clear inference of which is that legislative enactments must adjust themselves to this primal law. (992897)

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(4) The tenant problem.

MEMPHIS COMMERCIAL APPEAL. D. 5/11. There is a disposition to charge farmers with the commission of some sort of crime because of a surplus of tenants. There is a surplus of white collar workers, skilled and common labor, despite everything the government can do to stimulate production and put more people to work. (991583)

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(5) Tackling hard problem.

CHARLOTTE, N.C. OBSERVER. I. 5/10. \* \* \* What can the Government do to aid and protect the farm tenant and the share cropper under the New Deal, calling for drastic reduction in crop production? It remains to be seen. But it is a problem to tax the ingenuity of the best brains of the "brain trust." (991647)

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(6) Public works plan begun in France.

NEW YORK TIMES. ID. 5/17. (Paris) Employment for 100,000 hoped for; bill introduced for moratorium on foreclosures. \* \* \* A bill has been introduced in the Chamber of Deputies which would accord a two-year moratorium on mortgage foreclosures when the victims can demonstrate that their inability to meet payments has been due to the economic crisis. This is another evidence that France is going through the same distresses at a later date than other countries. (12724\*)

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(7) More national park land.

KENOSHA, WIS. NEWS. I. 5/14. \* \* \* Interest in national parks has been growing so fast in recent years that it is easier than formerly to win popular support for them. The nation has waked up to the fact that it has rare and lovely gifts in its scenic regions, which deserve to be prized and preserved for the enjoyment of all. (993024)

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Editorials - Pro

- (1) Demand for farming land is on increase.

MEMPHIS COMMERCIAL APPEAL. D. 5/20. Delta property brought \$61 an acre at sale. (12699\*)

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- (2) After all, there is a surplus problem.

DES MOINES REGISTER. IR. 5/16. One would think that by this time those who have a mite of brain power would be tired of the cries of "famine" and "starving the world" caused by the AAA crop reduction program. In the first place, no one would be quicker to let up on the crop control program than the AAA administrators if there were any evidence of possible famine. (994228)

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- (3) An argumentative birthday.

CLEVELAND PLAIN DEALER. ID. 5/14. \* \* \* It will take more than a year to prove either the success or the failure of the AAA program. It is possible that this spring's drought may upset many calculations. But it is going to be mighty hard for the AAA critics and for the anti-Roosevelt politicians to talk around those billion and half additional dollars which the American farmer has gathered in this past year. (992896)

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- (4) Spirit within the wheels.

CHARLOTTE, N.C. OBSERVER. I. 5/14. Secy Wallace is unanswerable in his contention that if the principles of the New Deal are to be more than a beautiful formalism, they must be inspired by heartfulness and that spirit of social discipline which will put new idealism in the heart and practice of the people. (992384)

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- (5) "Down in the back."

ATLANTA CONSTITUTION. D. 5/13. It matters little who coined the phrase, "Agriculture is the backbone of the nation," because we paid it little heed until the past few years when all at once everybody realized that agriculture was "down in the back," and would require a lot of help and special attention if it ever got up. \* \* \* Financiers, manufacturers, and merchants--all have come to realize the truth of that old saying: "All wealth comes from the soil;" \* \* \* Dr. Roosevelt appears to understand this case of "down in the back," and so far the patient may be said to be convalescing. What he needs now is help instead of hindrance. (991590)

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- (6) Who is Rexford G. Tugwell?

HAMILTON, O. JOURNAL. IR. 5/15. Dr. Rexford G. Tugwell, assistant secy of agriculture \* \* \* is a conservative. He is not reckless, but thorough. That is why Wall Street fears him. If Dr. Tugwell were addle-brained, he would kill himself and bring ridicule to the Brain Trust. \* \* \* Now, the queer part of it all is this, if and when President Roosevelt finds he does not need Dr. Tugwell any more, there are at least a dozen corporations who would grab him, at an enormous salary. (993615)

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## (1) Speaking of babbling.

ST. PAUL, MINN. NEWS. I. 5/11. Commissioner R. A. Trovatten of the state agri. dept. has a fluent ghost writer. \* \* \* Mr. Trovatten does not believe in the AAA program and has been saying so--just lately when the dry winds began blowing the farms away and the drouth threatened to prevent any crops at all. Before that time he was not so audible. Nor did he have his plan for federal government purchase and storage of all farm crops. At least it received scant attention. Hindsight is responsible for Mr. Trovatten's evolution into a "no-man." Meanwhile the farmers may reflect on the fact that if their crops are destroyed as he predicts about the only cash any of them are likely to get is from the AAA payment on wheat, corn and hogs not grown and raised--provided the farmers did not follow Mr. Trovatten's advice and went into the crop reduction program. \* \* \* We do not profess to know the answer to the agricultural problem but we feel sure Mr. Trovatten did not know it himself, until recently. Meanwhile we are confident that Secy Wallace and President Roosevelt have been doing the best they can with a most perplexing situation. They certainly deserve less picturesque and more temperate language than Mr. Trovatten's ghost writer employs. (991592)

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## Editorials - Con

## (2) Journey's End.

DETROIT FREE PRESS. IR. 5/21. The manner in which the Lilliputians in Washington are trying to bind the giant of American business was well put by Ogden L. Mills, a former Secy of The Treasury. \* \* \* A tide of protest is rising against further experimentation with the underpinning of the American economic structure. The effects of some of the nostrums administered by the young doctors of the New Deal who rushed to Washington all hot and piping from their lecture rooms, when the Country was in no mood to look beyond their labels, are now sufficiently evident to justify the alarm that has been sounded against continuing the prescription. \* \* \* The government takes the place of the private lender. The longer that process continues the nearer the socialized state comes. The end of the road is the regimental straight-jacket--and Moscow. (12723\*)

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## (3) "Gypping" the farmer.

INDIANAPOLIS STAR. IR. 5/9. William H. Howard, secy of the Indianapolis Board of Trade, has some old-fashioned views on farm problems which should appeal to the rank and file of the agricultural population. \* \* \* The secretary admits that he may be a trifle "old-fashioned," but the American people are turning more and more to the fundamental theory that there should be less government in business. (991589)

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## (4) More regulation for farmers.

ST. LOUIS GLOBE-DEMOCRAT. I. 5/12. Secy of Agri. Wallace is in the position of the man who had a bear by the tail and couldn't let go. The bear in this case (let nobody call it a wolf!) is the program of agricultural relief. \* \* \* Our free and independent farmers now, it is to be expected, will no longer be at liberty to do their own planning, but will find it necessary to ask Washington for permission to do this, that or the other. \* \* \* Where is agricultural regulation to stop? Will it come to that delectable state,

glowingly pictured by Prof. Tugwell, when the government will take over the agricultural lands of the country, nationalizing them as it has nationalized gold, and now proposes to nationalize silver, while the farmers will be collectivized as they have been in Russia to till the fields under political overseers? Heaven forbid! (991591)

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(1) Commodities bill termed Communism.

CHICAGO TRIBUNE. IR. 5/16. (Wash.) In a bristling minority report opposing the administration commodity exchange control bill, Congressman Ray Chase of Minnesota denounced the legislation as a definite stride toward communism and directed serious charges against the motives which prompt its presentation at this time. (152157)

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News Columns - Pro

(2) Blending of Industry and agriculture.

BIRMINGHAM NEWS. ID. 5/13. (Bob Kinney, Selma, Ala.) Industry and agriculture are blended to make community well rounded. (12387\*)

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(3) Improvement seen in farm land prices.

N. Y. JOURNAL OF COMMERCE. 5/21. Demand for better types cited as cause for increase over year ago. (12592\*)

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(4) Eastern farm co-operatives in big business.

ALBANY, N.Y. TIMES UNION. I. 5/13. 500 groups work in area to help individual earn profit, secure distribution. (150942)

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(5) Urge advertising for farm products.

BOSTON DAILY GLOBE. I. 5/18. Recommendations for improvement of farm marketing, with special emphasis on the desirability of more newspaper advertising for New England farm products, characterized the reports of commodity groups presented at the closing session of the New England Council's farm marketing conference at the Statler Hotel. (12700\*)

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(6) Farm Bureau meets called.

SIOUX CITY JOURNAL. IR. 5/18. (Des Moines) Nine district sessions to be held in Iowa--O'Neal to speak. Large crowds were predicted for each of the nine big victory farm bureau meetings to be held in each Farm Bureau district in Iowa beginning Monday. (12591\*)

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(7) Farmers' groups back AAA change.

INDIANAPOLIS NEWS. IR. 5/11. (Wash.) The American Agricultural Council, spokesman for the organized farmers of the nation has come to the aid of Secy Wallace in defense of the proposed amendments to the AAA which are under attack by processors and handlers of farm products. The American Agricultural Council is composed of delegates of the American Farm Bureau Federation, National Grange, Farmers' Union, and other national organizations of farmers. (150892)



(1) AAA held great Magna Charta of American farmers.

RICHMOND TIMES-DISPATCH. ID. 5/12. (Lexington, AP) Edward A. O'Neal, pres. of the American Farm Bureau Federation, called the Agricultural Adjustment Act "this great Magna Charta of agriculture." He added that the social and economic change which is coming about among the farm people of the nation under the act, is the greatest co-operative movement among farmers in the history of America. (150879)

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(2) Farm leaders back AAA.

TOPEKA, KANS. JOURNAL. IR. 5/11. (Manhattan, AP) The main features of the agricultural adjustment act had the approval of leaders of Kansas Farm Co-operatives attending the state Co-operative conference at Kansas State College. (150895)

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(3) Witham tells of cooperative and the AAA program.

KANSAS UNION FARMERS. 5/17. H. E. Witham, pres. of the Committee of Kansas Farm Organizations and manager of the Farmers Union Jobbing Assn. said: "There can be little doubt that the adjustment act will operate to bring many direct and indirect benefits to the cooperative movement. Farmers who haven't attended a farmers meeting in 10 years have been found in attendance many times at sessions where the wheat and the corn-hog allotment programs were explained. \* \* \* No one appreciates more than I do the gigantic task of bringing order out of chaos on the 6,400,000 farm factories of the country. However, I feel that greater evils are in store for us if we don't tackle the problem, and stay with it, than can possibly grow out of our attempt to modify the workings of economic forces. National planning has its weaknesses, of course, but national drifting means farm revolt, unemployed millions in our cities, breadlines and riots, and mass misery unspeakable. \* \* \* Industry has a greater degree of control over supply and prices. Agriculture, in attempting to do the same thing, is merely taking a leaf from the experiences of other countries." (12722\*)

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(4) Kansas approves AAA.

WICHITA, KANS. EAGLE. I. 5/11. (Manhattan, AP) Leaders of Kansas farm cooperatives gave unanimous approval to the main features of the A.A.A. and recommended that any necessary changes be made by its friends rather than its enemies. The farm executive spoke to approximately 150 farmers at the state farm cooperative conference. \* \* \* "We owe it to the membership of our organization and to agriculture in general to defend the act," said Dr. O. O. Wolf, Ottawa, head of the Kansas Farm Bureau and the Midwest Wool Marketing Assn., asserting he believed benefits of the act far overshadowed the mistakes made in it. \* \* \* "If the agricultural adjustment act is to have full opportunity to succeed, it will need, in the not distant future, every friend it has," said Cal Ward, head of the Kansas Farmers Union. (150880)

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## C O T T O N

### Editorial - Pro

#### (1) Future of cotton.

SAVANNAH, GA. PRESS. D. 5/16. Experts who have studied the cotton situation in the South under the operation of the Bankhead bill and other legislation which is to have an influence on the planting and production of the staple seem to believe the South is going to materially benefit from these innovations. (994138)

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### Editorials - Con

#### (2) May create "destitution".

CHARLESTON, S.C. NEWS & COURIER. ID. 5/11. Compulsory abstention from the production of cotton in South Carolina would probably not, in the long run, injure the agricultural industry, however much loss and suffering would be involved in the period of change to other crops and industries. \* \* \* Compulsory elimination of a part of the crop that this large part of the population knows how to produce with no accompanying compulsion to produce other crops may add a few hundred thousands to the country's unemployed and bring about a "destitution." (991648)

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#### (3) To create destitution.

CHARLESTON, S.C. NEWS & COURIER. ID. 5/12. In South Carolina are tens of thousands of farmers, most of them negroes and some of them whites, who, if they are not allowed to raise cotton as usual, will not raise the foods that they should raise instead of cotton. If the Bankhead law is enforced the government of the United States may be the AUTHOR of widespread destitution in the South, especially among the colored people. (990683)

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#### (4) Should make the effort.

CHARLESTON, S.C. NEWS & COURIER. ID. 5/13. Throughout the Cotton Belt, especially the South Atlantic states, concerted effort should begin now to instruct and induce the people on farms to raise abundant food crops. \* \* \* We have a host of farmers, a large majority of them colored, who will not turn from cotton to other production unless they are taught, persuaded, urged, perhaps frightened a little by a picture of misery a few months ahead. One does not assert that it is possible to prevail upon the people to take care of themselves, with this Bankhead law hanging over them. But the effort should be made, in every county, in every township, and it should continue without intermission until December. (991259)

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#### (5) Probably most radical.

HELENA, MONT. INDEPENDENT. ID. 5/12. Probably the most radical step taken by the national administration in putting over the New Deal is found in the provisions of the Bankhead cotton control bill lately passed by Congress. \* \* \* In all the history of the country business and industry have been left in private hands so far as initiative went. The proprietors have been the sole judges of how much they should expand or contract their activities. They used their own judgment and took the chances. Under this law they will take all the chances and the government will use its judgment. (994139)

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(1) Troublesome snags.

CEDAR RAPIDS, IA. GAZETTE. I. 5/8. One of the most difficult factors in farm relief is to solve one agricultural problem without creating another as bad or worse to take its place. \* \* \* The government is learning that to reduce the amount of cotton raised without reducing the number of people who formerly made their living raising cotton is by no means as easily done in practice as it is on paper. \* \* \* Alarmed by this miscarriage of its plans, the AAA called to Washington all its agents who are charged with enforcing contracts signed by cotton growers. It is probable that those agents will complain that they cannot enforce the contracts effectively without more help. If they get the help they undoubtedly need, the cotton control plan will have set up in the south an army of government snoopers and policemen, maintenance of which, directly or indirectly, will tend to offset some of the advantages to be expected from crop curtailment. The troubles arising out of the cotton control experiments are similar to the problems which inevitably will be created by any arbitrary effort to interfere with the free inter-reaction of natural laws and human nature. That is precisely why so many view with skepticism the ambitious ideas of certain Washington theorists for setting up a so-called planned economy. There are factors in all such experiments which even the smartest brain trusters are sure to overlook until too late. (991260)

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News Column - Pro

(2) United effort to better cotton quality is urged.

DALLAS MORNING NEWS. ID. 5/17. (Paris, Tex. Spec.) Need for united effort on the part of the farmer, ginner and other agencies of the South to improve the quality of cotton was the keynote of a program in connection with the annual meeting of the Texas Cotton Committee. Resolutions were adopted recommending the co-operation of all commercial, civic, industrial and agricultural organizations in furthering one variety cotton communities, commending the research work of experiment stations, and recommending a continuance of efforts to co-ordinate the work of State and Federal agricultural agencies. (12579\*)

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Editorials - Con

(3) Big-hearted America.

WICHITA, KANS. EAGLE. I. 5/12. It looks like big-hearted America may come out of another international conference with its pockets turned wrong side out. \* \* \* It may make no difference. With America's price level considerably above the world level, America is out of it as a wheat exporter except through government subsidies. But so long as America, with its feet under a conference table, has the habit of yielding to everybody, we might better save transportation and subsistence expenses for delegates. (991655)



- (1) Is Mr. Wallace bluffing?  
HARTFORD, CONN. COURANT. R. 5/15. \* \* \* As Mr. Wallace must know the dumping of any commodity in foreign markets is far too dangerous an act to be undertaken without mature consideration of the consequences. Dumping is an open bid for retaliation, either on the part of the nation receiving the goods when it acts to force down the price of domestic goods or on the part of foreign competitors for the markets. (993020).

News Column - Pro

- (2) Argentina to sign world wheat treaty.  
MEMPHIS COMMERCIAL APPEAL. D. 5/18. (London, AP) Saves program from collapse by action. (12608\*).

- (3) Wallace's threat may speed accord.  
WASHINGTON STAR. I. 5/15. (London, AP) Wheat Conference, faced by dumping edict, hopes for early settlement. (151126).

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D A I R YNews Columns

- (4) Plan to invite Olson in milk price fixing.  
DULUTH, MINN. NEWS TRIBUNE. I. 5/12. Gov. Floyd B. Olson of Minnesota will be asked next week to take a hand in the stabilization of the milk market in the Twin Ports. (151649)

- (5) Users' strike seen if milk price rises.  
ALBANY, N. Y. TIMES UNION. I. 5/16. Higher milk prices in New York City may force a consumers' strike. (154043)

News Column - Pro

- (6) Outlook bright for dairy firms.  
WASHINGTON STAR. I. 5/20. (New York) Position in regard to prices and operations held best since 1931. (12603\*)

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S U G A REditorials - ConEditorials - Con

- (7) Sugar a non-surplus crop.  
(7) DENVER POST. I. 5/10. The first and worst thing the sugar control bill does is compel American farmers to reduce production of the only important nonsurplus crop they can grow. \* \* \* Limitation of a nonsurplus crop is un-American. (991844)



## (1) "Regimenting" Sugar.

SPRINGFIELD, MASS. REPUBLICAN. I. 5/11. \* \* \* Sugar is made a "basic commodity" under AAA, and thus that vast system of government control of agricultural production is more securely fastened on the country. For one can hardly expect the complete abandonment of AAA, if the sugar quota law works fairly well, without a strong protest from the entire sugar industry. Here is "regimentation" for you, yet evidently the industry is eager to be regimented. (991846)

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P A C K E R SNews Column - Con

## (2) Dictator seen under AAA act.

N. Y. WORLD-TELEGRAM. I. 5/12. (Wash) Packer says licensing clause would give Wallace power over most retail stores. (149306)

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FRUITS and NUTSNews Column - Pro

## (3) AAA increases market prices.

PASADENA, CAL. POST. I. 5/14. Peach, grape and walnut crops held benefited. (154063)

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